REMARKS

Claims 1-9 from the Annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report are pending in this National Stage application. These claims were amended to conform to U.S. practice; *e.g.*, to remove reference numerals and multiple dependencies. No new material was added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned **"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"**.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Priority claim is recited in new paragraph just after the title on page 1.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of identifying an object having an identification means, [characterized by] comprising

receiving at a mobile station an authorization signal indicating a point of time allowed for transmission of an identification request signal,

reading the object's identification data from the identification means by transmitting said identification request signal by the mobile station's radio transmitter, and receiving an identification signal by the mobile station's radio receiver or by the mobile station's infrared receiver, and

identifying said object on the basis of the identification data included in the identification signal.

2. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, [characterized by the further steps of] further comprising

transmitting the identification data read by the mobile station with the mobile station's radio transmitter via a base station in a mobile communication system to a data processing device in which data relating to said object is stored, and

identifying said object by comparing the data stored in the data processing device with said identification data.

3. (Amended) A system comprising

a mobile switching centre [(MSC)],

a base station [(BTS)] communicating with the mobile switching centre;

a mobile station [(MS, MS')] comprising a radio transmitter [(TRX)] and a receiver [(TRX)] for setting up a connection to the mobile switching centre via the base station,

an object [(1)] comprising an identification means [(2)] composed of a tag comprising means for generating an identification signal including identification data in response to a predetermined identification request signal, and

a data processing device [(3)] in which data relating to said object is maintained, [characterized in that] wherein

said system comprises control means [(BSC)] for generating and transmitting an authorization signal indicating a point of time allowed for transmitting an identification request signal, and

said mobile station [(MS, MS')] comprises

means for reading said object's [(1)] identification data from the identification means[(2)]:

- by transmitting an identification request signal with the mobile stations [(MS)] radio transmitter [(TRX)] at a point of time indicated by the authorization signal, and

- by receiving the identification data included in an identification signal with the mobile stations radio receiver [(TRX)] or with an infrared receiver [(5)], and

means for transmitting the read identification data with the mobile station's radio transmitter [(TRX)] over the radio path via the base station [(BTS)] further to said data processing device[(3)].

4. (Amended) A system is claimed in claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein said tag [(2)] is a passive tag comprising means for recovering energy from said identification request signal and means for generating said identification signal with said recovered energy.

5. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 3[or 4], [characterized in that] wherein said tag comprises means for generating an RF frequency identification signal.

6. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 3[or 4], [characterized in that] wherein said tag comprises means for generating an identification signal composed of an infrared signal.

7. (Amended) A system as claimed in [any one of claims 3 to 6] claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein

said control means [(BSC)] are arranged to generate and transmit said authorization signal in response to an inquiry signal received by the control means, and

said mobile station [(MS)] comprises means [(TRX)] for transmitting the inquiry signal to said control means [(BSC)].

8. (Amended) A system as claimed in [any one of claims 3 to 6] claim 3, [characterized in that] wherein

said system is a time division mobile communication system, in which the frequency channels used by the system are divided into timeslots,

said control means [(BSC)] are arranged to generate and transmit an authorization signal indicating the timeslot or timeslots allowed for the transmission of the identification request signal, and

said mobile station [(MS)] comprises means [(TRX)] for receiving the authorization signal from the control means [(BSC)] and for transmitting the identification request signal in the timeslot indicated by the authorization signal.

9. (Amended) A mobile station comprising

a user interface [(4)], and

a radio transmitter [(TRX)] and a radio receiver [(TRX)] for setting up a connection to a base station [(BTS)] in a mobile communication system via radio signals, characterized in that mobile station further comprises

means for receiving an authorization signal transmitted by the base station [(BTS)] over the radio path,

means [(TRX, 5)] which, in response to measures carried out by the mobile station's user via the user interface[(4)], read identification data from an object's identification means[(2)], said means for reading the identification data are composed of the mobile station's [(MS)] radio transmitter[(TRX)], which at the point of time indicated by the authorization signal transmits a predetermined identification request signal, an of the mobile station's radio receiver [(TRX)] or of an infrared receiver[(5)], which receives an identification signal comprising the identification data, and

the mobile station [(MS, MS')] comprises means for transmitting the read identification data with said radio transmitter [(TRX)] to said base station.